



# The See-Way



# IMAGINE ROTARY

Club 5136, Organized in 1913

District 7280

March 6, 2023,

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## Field Trip to the Warner Theater - March 8<sup>th</sup>

Please join us on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at the Warner Theater! Members may We will be entering on Ninth Street, between State and French, as we are meeting in the new part of the building in the Rehearsal Hall. Parking is available in the ramp on 8th and French; this used to be permit parking only but is now open. Also, on-street parking is available.

Please RSVP using the link below so that we may account for adequate lunch. Thank you, we look forward to seeing you!



<https://registrations.dacdb.com/RSVP/index2.cfm?EventID=77597662>

## State of the County with Erie County Executive, Brent Davis



Let's share a warm Rotarian welcome with our Erie County Executive, Brent Davis. Executive Davis is currently in is # of his 4 year appointment. So far in his focus may been seen working with the following groups:

- Working with Township Supervisors, Mayors, and Council members of both political parties to deliver the Municipal Gap ARPA Funding
- EMTA
- Housing Authority
- Veterans Affairs
- Public Safety
- Education K-12 & Post Secondary Opportunities

Please RSVP to hear from Erie County Executive Brenton Davis

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**In Person:** Sheraton Erie Bayfront Hotel/2nd Floor Meeting Rooms  
55 West Bay Dr. Erie, PA 16507

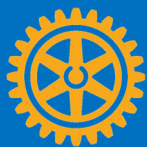
**Online:** Join Zoom Meeting

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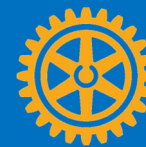
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# Rotary Of Erie Club



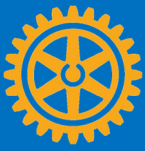
*Special Thanks to Melinda Myers and Johnny Johnson*

Melinda and Johnny presented to the Erie Rotary Club on Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>. Their dedication to sharing the historical roots tied to the African American community in Erie County was presented through a depictive PowerPoint and personal experiences. Their goal is to soon have five separate 4x2' placards installed throughout the Erie Community. They will provide representation of the families who influenced underground railroad activities, those who may have participated in slavery, and instrumental dates in the slavery abolishment timeline. If you missed this meeting or would like just to learn more, we encourage you to visit the website: [www.sharedheritage.org](http://www.sharedheritage.org).

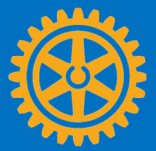


## Erie Rotary Club News:

- **Member Survey:** Please click on the link to complete our member survey. The only way to better serve is to know what you are thinking about. Our group is robust with professional, skilled, and generous members. We are excited to keep the momentum flowing and do our best to keep everyone engaged! Currently there have been 12 responses ... we can do better than this! Without your input we are unable to make proactive changes to better serve our members and community! Thank you for participating!  
<https://forms.gle/gb4tY5B4KBovI27V6>
- **Ethics Symposium DATE CHANGE May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact Karen Staab: [staabpsychserv@gmail.com](mailto:staabpsychserv@gmail.com)
- **Scholarship Foundation:** Michael Gaines is the new Chairperson for this group. Diane moved and Karen seconded that the following four Club members be appointed to the Scholarship Foundation Board: Diane Chido, Julie Ann Cella, Mary Ellen Dahlkemper, and Jim McEldowney. The motion passed unanimously. Applications for the scholarships are being sent to local guidance counselors
- **Please sign up to be a greeter & to provide our pre-meeting invocation! Please be inspired to share your energy with your fellow club members!**
- **My Rotary:** Please consider using the "My Rotary" feature to make your annual donation. A minimum of \$75/per member would guarantee our club meeting requirements to apply for grants! Thank you, Diane for your instruction regarding this process.
- Does your organization have an upcoming event? Need help promoting or volunteers? Please submit your request to be published here! [mrizzo@brevillier.org](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org)
  - [Brevillier Village – His & Hers Bingo Bash March 25<sup>th</sup>. Prizes for everyone. \\$25 per person](#)
  - Sisters of St. Joseph April 15<sup>th</sup> - 16th Annual Gala <https://www.ssinn.org/gala/>



# Rotary Of Erie Club



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*If you have comments, questions, or ideas!  
Please feel free to reach out to one of your Club Directors & Chairs! We are here to Serve!*

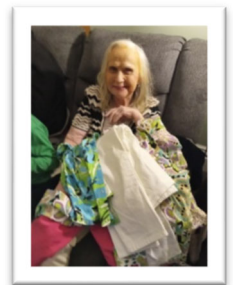
\*Board approval 2/13/23 replacement of M. Garrett Roth.

<p><b>Member Birthdays Birthday</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonsell, Janel M. (JANEL) 14 March</li> <li>Cella, Julie (JULIE) 30 March</li> <li>Cicchetti, Geri (GERI) 28 March</li> <li>Gaines, Michael T. (MICHAEL) 30 March</li> <li>Moore, Linda J (LINDA) 21 March</li> <li>Root, Laurie B. (LAURIE) 31 March</li> <li>Staab, Karen A. (DR. KAREN STAAB) 28 March</li> <li>Turner, Marc (MARC) 30 March</li> </ul>	<p><b>Member Anniversaries Start Date Years</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bloomstine, William C. (BILL) 03/01/74 49</li> <li>Kuebler, J. Clarke (J. CLARKE) 03/09/06 17</li> <li>Pehrsson, Dale-Elizabeth (DR. DALE) 03/01/22 1</li> <li>Pine, Augustus T (GUS PINE) 03/01/22 1</li> <li>Root, Laurie B. (LAURIE) 03/24/11 12</li> <li>Scully, Thomas A. (THOMAS) 03/07/80 43</li> <li>Snow, M.D., R. Anthony (TONY) 03/01/94 29</li> <li>Wild, Zac (ZAC) 03/01/17 6</li> <li>Williams, Stephanie (STEPHANIE) 03/18/15</li> </ul>
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## Newsworthy

- Special Kudos to Julio Reyes and his family** for their planning and coordination of clothing and shoe delivery.

Emily McCommons was doing some cleaning at the Maennerchor attic and discovered quite a few new clothes. Emily suggested that we donated those garments to a family she knew was in need. She not only gave this family the clothing last Christmas season, she also personally made the alterations needed it. As you can see everybody was happy rather than sending the garments to the landfill.



Julio also coordinated with Chosen Mission Project to ship & deliver about 150 pairs of shoes. He has known Rick King their executive director for years and is confident those shoes will be very much appreciated in Valladolid, Yucatan, Mexico. Julio will share photos with the Club once he receives some!

- Brevillier Village - HIS & HERS BINGO BASH Event March 25, 2023**



7:00PM Doors Open at 5:00PM -\$25 per ticket, we have 300 tickets for sale ... but we are almost sold out 😊 16 Games, Instants, Prizes valued at \$150 or more!! Designer Handbags, Patio Furniture, Power Tools, Large Tool Chest, Flattop Grill, & Cash Prizes! Proceeds benefit Brevillier Village Haven Program which supports our pets, gardening, and intergenerational activities. If you are interested in donating a basket for the auction raffle, please contact Maureen Rizzo [mrizzo@brevillier.org](mailto:mrizzo@brevillier.org) (814)899-8600 **Location:** Harborcreek Social Hall, 7275 Buffalo Rd, Harborcreek PA 16421

- Volunteer Opportunities – Stay tuned for upcoming volunteer opportunities. If your organization has an event or other needs, please let us know!**